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## Resolution 1957-28-30 Increased Funds for Wetlands Acquisition and Management

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each manufacturer and importer of a firearm to identify every firearm with serial number, name and location of the manufacturer or importer, and caliber and model of the firearm, and

Whereas, Section 177.51 of the proposed regulation would require licensed dealers in firearms and ammunition to maintain permanent records in perpetuity, reflecting the receipt, importation and disposition of all firearms, and

Whereas, Section 177.52 of the proposed regulation would require both licensed manufacturers and licensed dealers to maintain detailed records reflecting the production, receipt and disposition at wholesale or retail of all pistol and revolver ammunition, and

Whereas, Section 177.54 would require individuals making purchases of firearms or ammunition in a retail, over the counter transaction, to acknowledge receipt in their own handwriting, and

Whereas, Section 177.55 of the proposed revision would permit Internal Revenue Officers to examine the premises and the stock of any licensed manufacturer or dealer without warrant,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the members of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual meeting assembled at Las Vegas, Nevada, representing the fish, and game conservation authorities of the 48 states of the United States, do strongly protest the above enumerated proposals on the following grounds: (1) That the above enumerated revisions in the Internal Revenue Service regulations represent an extension of the statute and are not proper regulations; (2) That no evidence has been presented showing the necessity or the desirability of the above regulations for the proper enforcement of the Federal Firearms Act; (3) That the proposed regulations will be a heavy burden and hardship to manufacturers of sporting firearms, to dealers in sporting firearms and, the added costs and added restrictions will tend to discourage the purchase and use of sporting firearms, with the end result that the healthful and desirable sport of hunting will be hampered and discouraged, and

Be it further resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners herewith request the director, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, Internal Revenue Service, to make this resolution a matter of record of the public hearing on the proposed regulations which was held in Washington, D. C. on August 27 and 28, 1957, and that the views herein expressed be given serious consideration in any final decision respecting the proposed regulations.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 27**

### **RESEARCH ON CHEMICAL PESTICIDES**

Whereas, chemical controls, including insecticides, herbicides and fungicides, are being widely used and in increasing quantities upon the farmlands, orchards, forests and marshes of the United States and Canada.

Whereas, some chemical pesticides are known to have important side effects upon other species but little is known about the immediate and cumulative effects upon other species and upon the ecology of an area, or about desirable methods and rates of application to prevent damages;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention at Las Vegas, Nevada, September 10, 1957, endorses H.R. 783 and S. 2447, similar bills to authorize the Secretary of Interior to undertake continuing studies of the effects of chemical pesticides for the purpose of preventing losses of fish and wildlife resources and to provide basic data on the various chemical controls so they can be used with minimum losses of fish and wildlife and we urge prompt enactment of such legislation by the congress, including appropriation of the funds necessary to these studies.

Be it further resolved that the government of Canada and provincial governments through their appropriate departments are hereby urged to take such steps as are necessary to implement and/or further similar studies in that country.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 28**

### **INCREASED FUNDS FOR WETLANDS ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT**

Whereas, there is urgent need for the preservation of the remaining wetlands of the United States in order to provide adequate breeding and wintering grounds for the continental population of waterfowl, and

Whereas, there is urgent need for public funds for the acquisition and leasing by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service of the majority of the eight million acres of wetlands that are vital to this conservation effort and funds are also needed for the development and maintenance of such areas, and

Whereas, the migratory waterfowl hunters of the United States have contributed more than \$50,000,000 through the purchase of duck stamps to perpetuate migratory waterfowl, and

Whereas, the duck stamp as a means of raising funds for the above-mentioned purposes was accepted by the American public with the pledge that the funds would be used primarily for wetland acquisition, and

Whereas, congress has failed to meet its obligation to the millions of people interested in the preservation of waterfowl, and

Whereas, the waterfowl resources of the North American continent are a public responsibility recognized by International Treaty, and

Whereas, it is recognized that land costs are much higher than they were a few years ago, requiring the outlay of considerably more money to accomplish the objectives, which, coupled with a corresponding increase in other governmental costs, has rendered the present \$2.00 duck stamp inadequate.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners goes on record approving a one dollar increase in the duck stamp to aid the above objectives with the definite understanding that (1) the entire income from duck stamps will be matched by appropriations from general public funds, (2) that not less than 50 per cent of such combined funds be allocated to the acquisition or leasing of wetland areas for waterfowl management purposes, (3) that substantial areas in the so-called pothole country of the prairie states be acquired or leased for nesting and feeding grounds, (4) that not more than 40 per cent of said funds be available for administration, operation, management, and maintenance of said waterfowl management and wetland areas, and (5) that the remainder be used for enforcement, and for the distribution of these stamps.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 29**

### **HARVEST OF GAME ON FEDERAL REFUGES**

Whereas, the fish, upland game birds and big game animals now located on federal refuges belong to the states, and their proper management is the responsibility of the individual states, and

Whereas, the establishment of refuges for the protection of one species prevents the harvest of other species for which such protection is not required, and

Whereas, in most federal refuges harvests are needed in order to manage properly the fish and game resourced thereon, and

Whereas, it now appears that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has given serious consideration to proper management of federal refuge areas, from the standpoint of allowable harvests in some areas, but has not made available many fish and game resources that should be public harvested,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby commend the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its more realistic attitude with reference to proper management of these refuges, and

Be it further resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby urge the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to give further study, in cooperation with the states, to the full development of public harvest plans for their entire refuge system in order that fish and game which can be harvested will not be wasted.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 30**

### **APPRECIATION OF COURTESIES**

Be it resolved by the 47th annual convention of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners assembled in Las Vegas, Nevada this 10th day of September, 1957, that we wish to thank the Nevada Fish and Game Commission, Chairman Wayne Kirch, Director Frank Groves, and all their staff for the very fine manner in which they have provided for this convention and for the pleasure and comfort of all those in attendance. The success of this convention and the pleasant memories that we will all take home with us are due in a very large measure to the untiring efforts of the Nevada Fish and Game Commission who have so ably represented the people of Nevada.

We commend also the New Frontier Hotel and its management for their excellent work in providing necessary space, facilities and services for the benefit of this convention.

We express our appreciation to the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, and to the press of this city for their efforts in our behalf.

Finally we express our appreciation to all those who have participated in the organization and conduct of this convention and its work, whose numbers and names are far too numerous to set down here, but whose efforts are none-the-less appreciated as fully as the work of those we have named.

We shall long remember the hospitable welcome and efficient work of all, and we close this convention with gratitude to all who have made this convention so pleasant and successful.